

# **F O R W A R D   P L A N**

## ***FOR THE PERIOD: 1 SEPTEMBER 2025 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025***

### ***What is the Forward Plan?***

The Forward Plan is a list of the key decisions the Authority intends to take during a four month period. The Plan is updated monthly and is available to the public 14 days before the beginning of each month.

### ***What is a Key Decision?***

Key decisions are defined as any executive decision which is likely

- to result in expenditure or savings which are significant in the context of the budget for the service or function in question; or
- to be significant in terms of its effects on the communities living or working in two or more wards in the area.

### ***What does the Forward Plan tell me?***

The Plan gives information about:

- what key decisions are coming forward in the next four months;
- when those key decisions are likely to be made;
- who will make those decisions;
- what consultation will be given;
- who you can make representations to, and how;
- what documents will be considered; and
- who you can contact for further information.

### ***Who takes Key Decisions?***

Under the Authority's Constitution, Key Decisions are taken by the Council, the Executive Board (and its Sub-Committees/Sub-Boards) or individual officers acting under delegated powers.

Most Key Decisions are taken at public meetings of either the Council or the Executive Board. Council meets at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Runcorn and the Executive Board meets at 2.00 pm in the Municipal Building, Widnes.

### ***How to make representations and by when***

Names of contact officers are included in the Plan and can be reached via 0303 333 4300. If you are unsure, please ring Committee Services via the same number and staff there will be able to assist you.

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD  
1 SEPTEMBER 2025 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	<b>MATTER TO BE DECIDED</b>	<b>DECISION MAKER AND DATE</b>	
1	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 to 2029/30	Executive Board	23 October 2025
2	Determination of the Council Tax Base 2026/27	Council	4 March 2026

Key Decision	Decision-Maker and Date	Brief Summary of Decision to be Taken	Consultees and Consultation method	Relevant Background Reports	Lead Officer Contact Details
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### Corporate Services Portfolio

Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 to 2029/30	Executive Board 23 October 2025	To seek approval for the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2026/27 to 2029/30. The Strategy sets out a four-year projection of the Council's financial resources and spending requirements	None	None	<a href="mailto:Ed.Dawson@halton.gov.uk">Ed.Dawson@halton.gov.uk</a> Director of Finance
Determination of the Council Tax Base 2026/27	Council 4 March 2026	To seek approval for the 2026/27 council tax base for the Borough, which is required in order to calculate and set the level of council tax to be charged. It is used by both the Council as billing authority and by the major precepting authorities (Cheshire Fire Authority, Cheshire	None	None	<a href="mailto:Ed.Dawson@halton.gov.uk">Ed.Dawson@halton.gov.uk</a> Director of Finance

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		Police & Crime Commissioner and Liverpool City Region Combined Authority) in the calculation of their council tax requirements.			

## NOTE

### ***The following Members comprise the Executive Board:***

Leader – Councillor Wharton

Deputy Leader – Councillor Thompson

Corporate Services Portfolio Holder – Councillor Dennett

Children and Young People Portfolio Holder – Councillor T McInerney

Adult Social Care Portfolio Holder – Councillor Ball

Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wright

Community Safety Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wall

Environmental and Urban Renewal Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nolan

Employment, Learning and Skills, and Community Portfolio Holder – Councillor Bevan

Housing and Environmental Sustainability Portfolio Holder – Councillor Harris